Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) The Munsiff's Courts have re-opened on 6th Edavam 1117. The High Court and the Anjikaimal District Court will re-open on 24th Edavam 1117.

(b) and (c) No.

POST OF THE JOINT SECRETARY—KEEPING VACANT OF

364. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the post of the Joint Secretary to Government is going to be kept vacant for any length of time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No.

PARTIALITY FOR THE MADRAS ENGLISH DAILIES—COMPLAINT OF THE MALAYALAM PRESS

365. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether there has been complaint made through the Malayalam Press that for certain functions on the Willingdon Island, Thevara High School, Ernakulam and the organizers, Teachers' Conferences recently held at Ernakulam were showing partiality for the Madras English Dailies and they were neglecting Malayalam newspapers;

(b) if so, will Government be pleased to take the necessary steps to see that the Malayalam Press is given its proper place in all public functions in which the Government can raise an effective voice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) Yes. The statement does not seem to be correct.

(b) No special steps are called for in view of answer to (a).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the representatives of the local Malayalam Press were invited for the ceremony of launching the "Minesweeper" at Vypeen?

Mr. President: That had nothing to do with the State Government. It was a matter concerned with the Naval authorities.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Was not a member of our Ruling Family invited to perform that function?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know what was the complaint raised through the Malayalam Press. The answer given is "Yes". What was the complaint? We know nothing about it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Probably, that the Press was not represented at certain functions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Then that statement is correct.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The statement that Government have neglected them is not correct.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Anyhow the fact is that they have not been invited.

Mr. President: It was the Naval authorities who issued the invitations.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Was it a Government function after all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That was explained by the Hon'ble President.

Mr. President: I may also mention that the function took place in British India.

FOOD PRODUCTION OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF

366. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether the appointment of the Food Production Officer was made with the concurrence of the Hon'ble Minister;

(b) will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has pressed for placing the Officer and his work under the supervision of the Hon'ble Minister?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: With reference to answer (b) the answer "no" is not quite correct. It is rather technical to say "no". The more appropriate answer would be "there was no difference of opinion at all between the Minister and the Government so far as supervision of the work of the Food Production Commissioner and his staff is concerned. So far as the transferred half work is concerned it is completely under the Minister." Therefore, that answer is not quite correct.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Then, am I to take it that the answer is wrong.

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